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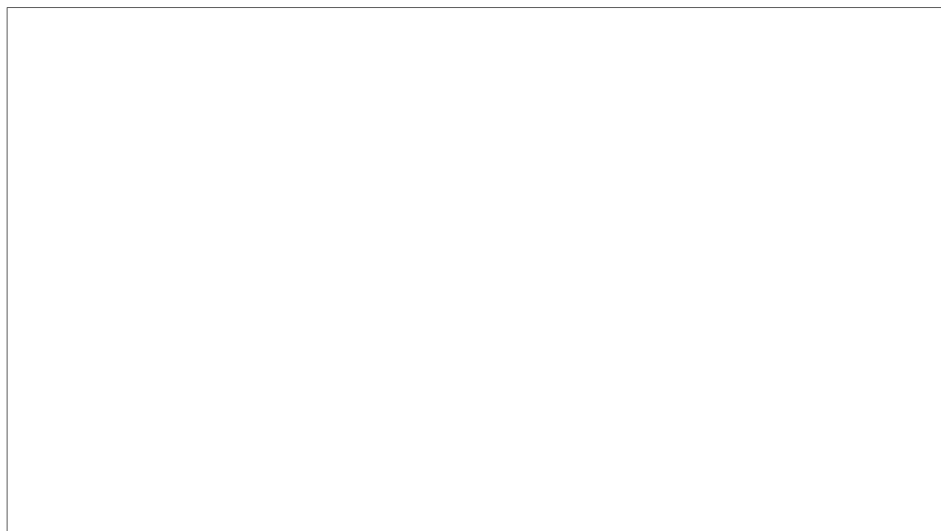
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Chief of Procurement

Procurement of Aircraft

1. As per your direction, attempts have been made to secure various types of aircraft from the Department of the Air Force with little or no success. On August 24 we received a requisition from FE/OPC for one C-45 airplane and were unable to secure it through military channels. You asked that I then attempt to see what was available on the commercial market and after a study I reported to you that the following C-45 or equivalent type aircraft were available on the open market:



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2. Further information regarding these planes, such as air-frame time, owners and agents, are on file in this office.



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and asked that we hold the requisition in abeyance. The availability of these planes at a later date is uncertain. However, should there be any requirements for C-45 aircraft, it is recommended that proper inspection and availability be made of the above listed planes immediately.

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